or cooperative joint venture companies. In Russia also, market reforms are being introduced in order to attract foreign investment. On Poland, major reforms are going on so that the coal industry becomes market-driven through economic liberalisation mechanisms.

Suicide Bombers in J and K

*628. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that suicide bombers are the new phenomenon of militancy in J and K; and

(b) if so, what steps are contemplated to nip in the bud this menace before its number escalates?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) Pak sponsored terrorists have resorted to another method of attack on the security forces with a view to gaining attention. A car bomb with a terrorist at the wheels exploded in the Badami Bagh Cantonment, Srinagar on 19.4.2000 leading to blowing up of the terrorist and causing minor injuries to 5 security personnel. This shows the utter frustration on the part of terrorists in gaining a upper hand with the security forces.

(b) The security and intelligence agencies are fully vigilant and they are on maximum alert to frustrate the designs of the Pak sponsored terrorists organisations including suicide attacks. Steps taken to tackle terrorist related actions in J and K include, round the clock vigil on border, posting additional naka parties manned by Army / BSF / Police in depth areas to check infiltration / exfiltration, establishment of pickets at all strategically important place, intensified patrolling of sensitive areas and intelligence supported cardon and search operations.

Influx of persons of foreign origin

*629. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is unabated influx of Bangladeshis, Talibanese and other persons of foreign origin in several parts of the country;

(b) whether the State Governments or the Central Government have totally failed to keep a close watch on them;

(c) whether such illegal immigrants are creating several problems which are affecting the economy of the country; and